

**Yakima River / Hanford Reach  
Salmon Reports and Ringold Steelhead Reports**

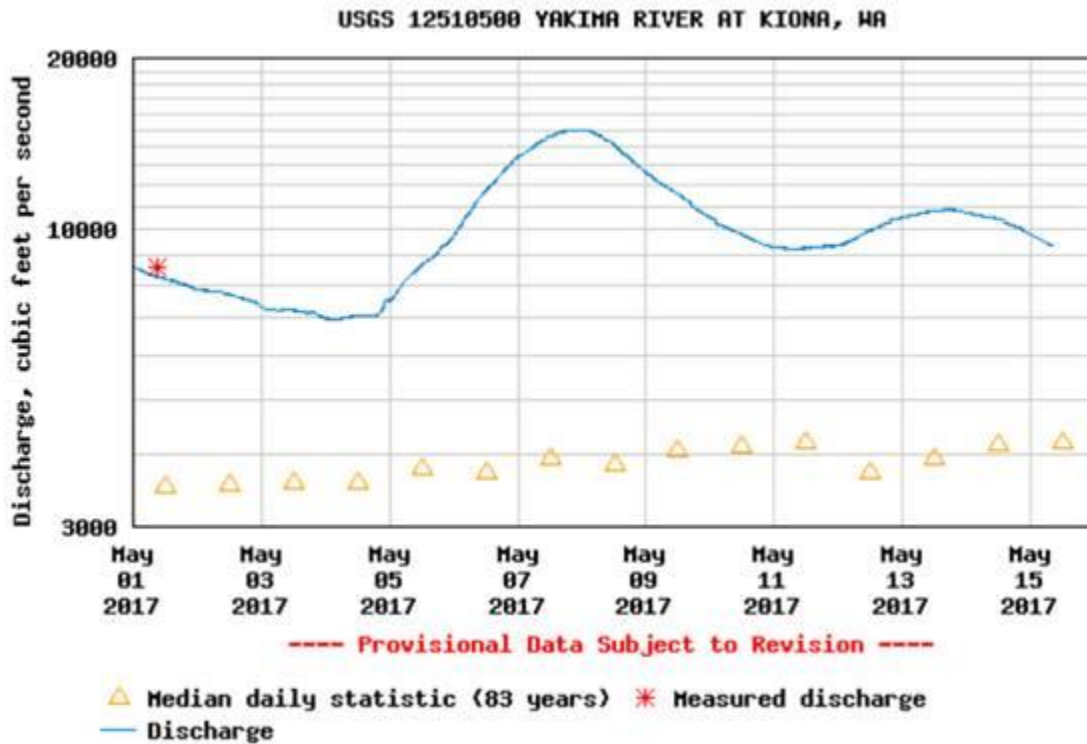
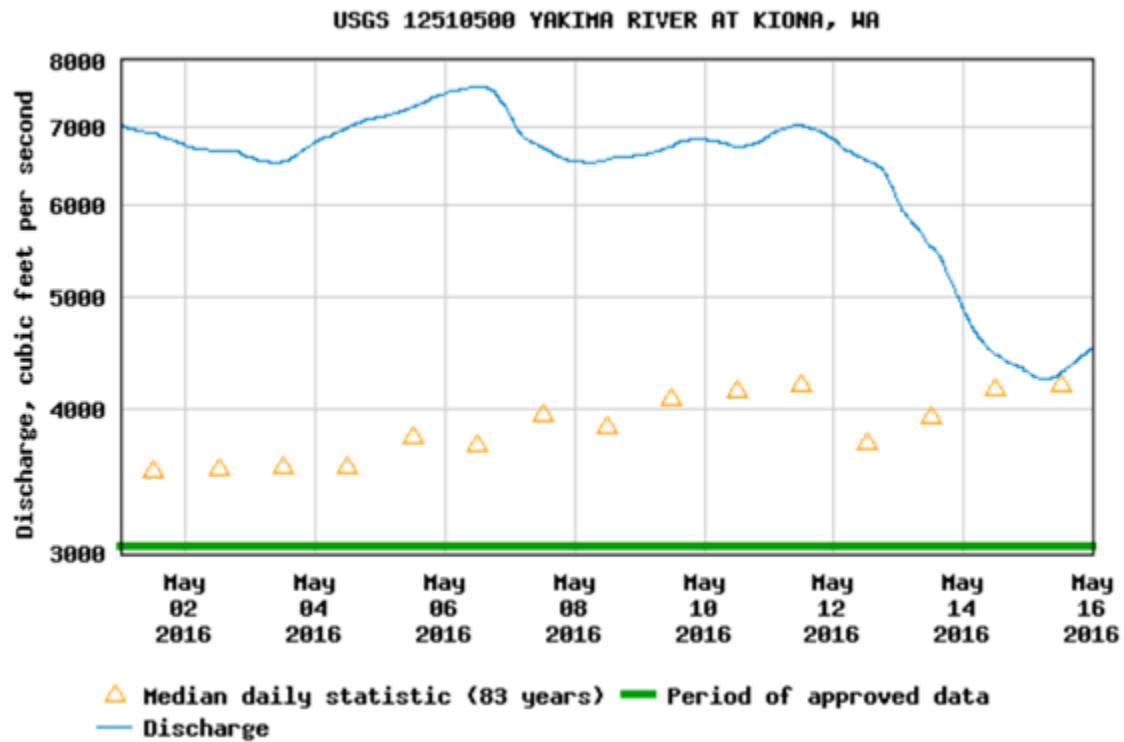
**Lower Yakima River Spring Chinook Sport Fishery Update: May 15, 2017**

High turbid flows in the Yakima River have kept most of the anglers off the water in May. Flows average 6,444cfs for the first two weeks of May in 2016 compared to 10,018cfs in 2017. WDFW staff has only interviewed 38 anglers so far this season with 11 smallmouth and 3 channel catfish. In 2016, staff had interviewed 198 anglers with 937 bass and 35 channel cats.

The sampling data expands to 557 angler trips in the Yakima River this year versus 2,734 anglers trips in 2016 (April 28 - May 14). Catch has been disappointing with only 380 bass caught in 2017 compared to over 15,000 last year at this time.

Though many anglers have talked about fishing for salmon none have ventured out.

Year	Sampled					
	Anglers	Hours	Smallmouth Bass		Channel Catfish	
			Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest
2016	198	443	937	874	35	30
2017	38	46	11	4	3	2
Year	Expanded					
	Anglers	Hours	Smallmouth Bass		Channel Catfish	
			Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest
2016	2,734	6,117	15,345	14,413	496	343
2017	557	670	380	187	32	19



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